



HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL
Wednesday, September 19, 2018

The Citizens' Advisory Council meeting commenced at 7:31 p.m. in the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.

Present: Thomas C. Beach III, William Brockett, Denise Brockington, Larry Buehler, Lesley Flaim, Eileen Harrity, Linda Lee Hickerson, Jeff Kulik, Adia Moore, Stephen Pidliskey, Timothy Pierce, Lorna Rudnikas, Dr. Lewis Saunders, Susan Watkins, Camela Williams, Nollie Wood Jr, Chief Gary Gardner, Lt. Tanya Riffle

Absent/Excused: Larry Aaronson, Janet Bahouth, Sandy Cederbaum, Frank Chandler, Britany Geger, Andrew Hall Sr., Peter Newman, Raghid Shourbaji

Guest: David Zeleznik

Vice Chairperson – Camela Williams

- Opened the meeting and reminded the Council that the meeting is being recorded.
- Introduction of guest.
- July minutes were approved.

Chief's Report – Chief Gary Gardner

- Official CALEA presentation was on September 7th and thank you to the CAC for their support.
- MD Chiefs of Police Conference was Chief Gardner's last meeting as President.
- Police Pace was on September 9th with 247 runners.
- Academy 42 will graduate on Thursday, October 11th.
- Lateral class of 3 officers just started on Monday, September 17th.
- Community Events
 - August 16th Bike with a Cop
 - Learning to Lead in August
 - October 5th is the next Coffee with a Cop at the Elkridge Senior Center
 - Explorer Post 1952 attended their annual conference and won several awards
- Crime stats
 - Homicides - 0 compared to 4 previous year
 - Rape - 49, down 3 from previous year
 - Robberies - down 78 from previous year, 49% decrease
 - Burglaries - 380 down compared to previous year, 57% decrease
 - Auto Theft - down 87 cases from previous year, 33% decrease
 - Theft from vehicles - down 260 from previous year, 20% decrease
- Overdoses
 - Non-fatal – 138 compared to 117 from last year
 - Fatal – 26 compared to last year's 35
 - Attributing fewer fatal overdoses to Narcan

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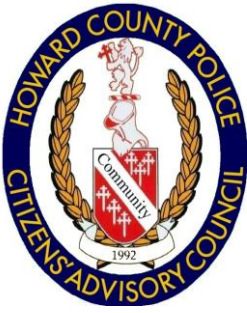
- Citizen's Police Academy graduation was in July and Jeff Kulik was presented with his certificate since he was not able to attend the last class. Five CAC members attended the academy.

Sex Offender Compliance - Sgt. Aaron Miller

- Howard County has a two detective unit with the sole focus of monitoring and registering sex offenders.
 - Work with other agencies to make sure all offenders are registered
 - Investigate any violations and allegations
 - They register people that live and work in Howard County. If they spend 5 or more hours or more than 5 days a week in the county, they must register
 - 3 tiers of sex offenders
 - Tier 1 - Register twice a year for 15 years
 - Tier 2 – Register twice a year for 25 years
 - Tier 3 - Register every three months
 - Homeless have to register every week, due to constantly moving around the county.
 - Howard County has 23 tier 1, 24 tier 2, 56 tier 3 with 5 being homeless, 0 absconders, 1 violator due to missing his registration date. No warnings are given.
 - After they register, the officer will verify the address and try to make contact with anyone living at the residence. They must have an actual physical address. Those with a PO Box are classified as homeless.
 - Guidelines are strictly set if they need to be on school grounds. They must have a letter from the Principal stating the specific time they are allowed on the property.
 - The Juvenile Sex Offender registry is monitored by the state.
 - Website for sex offender registry information can be found on www.watchdog.com.

Old Business – Camela Williams

- Bylaws were printed and handed out. If a member would like a printed copy we will mail them to the member, otherwise the bylaws will be emailed.



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New Business – Camela Williams

- A request that the presentation should have a time limit, 20 minutes, and questions should be held for the end of the presentation. (Wood) Members were advised that the presenters are instructed to prepare a 15-20 minute presentation and time for questions/answers following their presentation.
- Discuss a district council versus a single council. (Wood) The CAC County Map will be resent to all members and a copy will be brought to the next meeting.
- A NextDoor post was mentioned to make sure it was shared with the department. (Hickerson)
- The November meeting is scheduled for the day before Thanksgiving, November 21st. (Beach) It was voted by members to move the meeting to Wednesday, November 14th.
- Discuss working with the community and sharing information on home security cameras, such as Ring and Nest, with the police department. (Brockington)
- A program for registering a residence with the police department due to health issues, mental health diagnoses, etc. (Harrity) HCPD has a program called the 911 Flagging Program, will send out information regarding the program to the members.
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Police/Programs-and-Services>
- More officer involvement at apartment complexes or where there are no community associations. (Moore) Community Outreach can be contacted to invite officers to meetings to discuss safety, crimes or any other neighborhood concerns.
<https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Police/Community-Outreach>

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for October 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.